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1. The center for the Repatriation Section in Klaipeda was located on the main street, near the office of the city Executive Committee. The head of the section was Jonas Sakalauskas, who was deputy to the chief of the Klaipeda Executive Committee. Employees of the section included Paskevicius (fnu) and an inspector who was lame and who came from Klaipeda.
2. Most of the repatriates who returned to Klaipeda came from a camp in Luebeck, Germany. They were first taken to Grodno (N53-41, E23-51), where they were divided into groups according to their home communities. Only those who had formerly lived in Klaipeda were allowed to return there. Those Klaipeda repatriates who had owned small homes were given their homes back. Repatriates who had no homes were billeted in the Victoria Hotel or in private houses. Some repatriates were arrested, imprisoned, or deported. Some were questioned by the MVD.
3. The repatriates in Klaipeda were not assigned to specific jobs. They could choose whatever work they could find. Skilled laborers found jobs easily; others had to wait a long time before finding work. Each repatriate was supposed to be given 300 rubles, but the amount actually paid was seldom more than 20 to 40 rubles. Many times the repatriates would appear at the Repatriation Section and complain about the small amount they had been paid. Some repatriates were given suits and shoes, though this did not occur frequently. This clothing was distributed by the Klaipeda Repatriation Section, which received the goods from the Repatriation Section of the Council of Ministers (presumably of the Lithuanian SSR).

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